

WWF, Japanese Hold Summit

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The World Wrestling Federation (WWF) will hold its first date ever as an organization in Japan when it meets the All-Japan Pro Wrestling and New Japan Pro Wrestling organizations at the Tokyo Dome on April 13.

The event, billed the "WWF Nichi-Bei (Japanese-American) Wrestling Summit," will feature the top stars from each of the respective organizations on one card. WWF wrestlers scheduled to participate are former WWF Champion Hulk Hogan, WWF World Heavyweight Champion Ultimate Warrior, Andre the Giant, Randy Savage, (Mr. Perfect) Curt Hennig, Rick (The Model) Martel, Big Boss Man, Jake (The Snake) Roberts, and Bret (Hitman) Hart.

Participants from All-Japan Pro Wrestling will include Giant Baba, Genichiro Tenryu, Jumbo Tsuruta, and Yoshi Yatsu. Representing New Japan Pro Wrestling will be Riki Choshu, Masa Chono, Masa Saito, and Shinya Hashimoto.

"Wrestling is very big in Japan, and this will mark the first time the WWF has done a tour (date) there as an organization. Some of our wrestlers have been there many times before, but never as a whole unit," said Steve Planamenta, manager of media relations.

Tickets for the summit were to go on sale in Japan on March 7, and Planamenta said a record crowd is expected at the 63,000-seat Dome, also known as the "Big Egg".

Ducats are priced at 30,000 yen (\$201 U.S.), 15,000 yen (\$100), 7,000 yen (\$47), 5,000 yen (\$33), and 3,000 yen (\$20). A limited number of Golden Ringside seats will also be sold at 40,000 yen (\$268). All U.S. prices are based on currency exchange rates as of March 2 and are subject to change.

Prior to the Japan bout, WWF will also be at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, on April 10. Tickets for that event went on sale Feb. 17 and sold out in three hours, Planamenta noted.